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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document describes the non-proprietary Cryptographic Module Security Policy for CoSign. This security policy describes how CoSign meets the security requirements of FIPS 140-2, and how to operate CoSign in a secure FIPS 140-2 mode. This policy was prepared as part of the level 3 FIPS 140-2 testing of CoSign.

FIPS 140-2 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 -- *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules*) details the U.S. Government requirements for cryptographic modules. Additional information about the FIPS 140-2 standard and validation program is available on the NIST web site at <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/index.html>.

1.2 References

This document deals only with the operations and capabilities of CoSign in the technical terms of a FIPS 140-2 cryptographic module security policy. Additional information about CoSign and other ARX products is available at www.arx.com.

1.3 Terminology

In this document, ARX CoSign is referred to as the *appliance* or *CoSign*.

1.4 Document Organization

This document is part of the FIPS 140-2 Submission Package. In addition to this document, the Submission Package contains the following documents:

- Vendor Evidence
- Finite State Machine
- Module Software Listing
- Other supporting documentation as additional references

This document is organized as follows:

- **Section 1: Introduction** – Includes an overview of CoSign and explains the secure configuration and operation of the appliance.
- **Section 2: CoSign Security Rules** – Details the general features and functionality of CoSign.
- **Section 3: FIPS 140-2 Level 3 Compliant Mode** – Addresses the required configuration for the FIPS 140-2 mode of operation.

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2 Security Rules

CoSign is a digital signature appliance that enables users within an organization to digitally sign documents and data. Contained within a secure, tamper-responsive steel case, CoSign performs the actual digital signature operation using an asymmetric key of the user. All keys and critical security parameters are protected within the cryptographic boundary by the physical security mechanisms of the appliance.

CoSign provides the basic RSA digital signature operation. Additional cryptographic algorithms are used in support of this main functionality. These are used to encrypt: the session between the user's PC and CoSign; the asymmetric keys that are kept in the internal database; and the backup of CoSign's database. They are also used to provide data integrity.

CoSign performs all cryptographic operations internally and, through self-tests, it ensures that these operations function correctly.

2.1 *Secure by Design*

CoSign is a multi-chip standalone appliance. It has been designed to meet all of the Level 3 FIPS 140-2 requirements. Encased within a tamper-responsive and tamper-evident steel box, the appliance both protects against and reacts to attacks. Access to the appliance is only permitted through specific, well-defined interfaces detailed in *Well-Defined Interfaces* on page 9.

2.2 *Product Delivery*

When the Crypto Officer receives the appliance, the Crypto Officer must check the appliance's case for any evidence of physical tampering. Special protective screw cover "cans" are attached over two screws on the back of the appliance. These "cans" would be damaged if the appliance's case has been opened. Verify that the "cans" are attached to the appliance and that they are not damaged.

If you think the appliance has been tampered with during delivery, contact ARX.

2.3 *Initialization*

The appliance is delivered to you in the *Factory Settings* state. In this state it is not yet a FIPS module and only the following options are relevant:

- **Setting network parameters** – The Cryptographic Officer can set the IP address of CoSign, define that the IP address is retrieved using a DHCP protocol and set other networking related parameters. This operation is performed through CoSign's console.

- **Time adjustments** – The Cryptographic Officer can define the current time of the appliance or retrieve time from an NTP server. This operation is performed through CoSign’s console.
- **Installation** – This critical procedure must be performed in a secure environment. Only after CoSign is installed it can begin to provide its digital signature services. For additional details related to appliance initialization, see *Installing CoSign* on page 5.
- **Restoration** – This critical procedure must be performed in a secure environment. Restoration is similar to installation. This procedure uses the backup file of the internal database. For additional details related to appliance initialization, see *Installing CoSign* on page 5.

2.3.1 *Installing CoSign*

The CoSign installation is performed using the administrative CoSign Client. The Cryptographic Officer uses the administrative CoSign client to send installation commands to CoSign. The installation commands are sent using the regular client/appliance secure protocol (see *Secure Operation* on page 8).

During installation, the following security related issues are handled:

- The first Crypto Officer User ID and password are provided. The Crypto Officer is defined in the users database with the required permissions to manage users and the CoSign appliance.
- A set of four Server critical Triple-DES keys are randomly generated inside CoSign and are placed inside the internal tamper device. These keys are also loaded into the two blue USB tokens. These tokens must be stored on the Crypto Officer’s premises and are only used during the:
 - Reset tamper operation performed by the Crypto Officer.
 - Restoration of CoSign.
- A RSA key pair is generated for the internal CA (Certificate Authority) of the appliance. This key is used for generating X.509-based Certificates for users. The RSA private key is encrypted and stored in CoSign.

During normal CoSign operation, a USB-based license plug is plugged into the CoSign USB port. The USB token controls the number of possible existing users in the CoSign database.

2.3.2 *Restoring CoSign from backup*

If the appliance was physically damaged, reset to factory settings, or damaged in some other way, a backup of the CoSign database must be restored to a new or existing CoSign appliance. The restore operation is very similar to the installation of a new CoSign appliance and must be performed in a secure environment. In addition, the CoSign appliance must be in the *Factory Settings* state to perform the restore operation.

A restoration differs from an installation in the following ways:

- A valid backup file of an operational CoSign appliance must be available.
- The Crypto Officer must have a valid backup token that includes the critical keys of that operational CoSign appliance.

During restoration:

- The Crypto Officer provides the backup file and plugs the backup token into the CoSign USB token slot.
- All users and their relevant data, such as their private keys, are restored to the CoSign database.

After restoration, all users can sign their documents and data using the CoSign appliance.

After initialization, the product is a FIPS module and begins serving user requests and Crypto Officer requests.

2.4 Users Directories

CoSign supports installation in environments where a user directory already exists. Currently the following Users Directory environments are supported:

- Microsoft Active Directory
- Novell NDS
- LDAP based environment such as: IBM Tivoli, SUN Directory Server and Oracle Internet Directory.

CoSign provides two additional functionalities when using these environments:

- **Synchronization with the Users Directory of the environment** – CoSign is synchronized with the users directory of the environment. Every user in the users directory who is classified as a signer is also defined in CoSign and is able to sign documents.
- **Authentication using Kerberos Ticketing mechanism** – When a user attempts to securely connect to CoSign for any operation, such as signing a document, the login operation is done using the Kerberos Ticketing mechanism. CoSign authenticates users from Active Directory relying on the Kerberos Ticketing mechanism
- Besides the above directories, CoSign supports the Directory Independent environment where users are defined by the administrator of the organization and the login operation is performed internally by CoSign.

Note: Only the Directory Independent environment and module interface to Microsoft Active Directory are submitted for FIPS 140-2 validated.

2.5 *Managing CoSign*

2.5.1 *Cryptographic Officer*

The Crypto Officer performs both appliance and user management of CoSign.

In the case of Active Directory based environment, users are managed in the directory and all changes that are made in the directory sync with the list of users in the CoSign appliance.

The Crypto Officer connects securely to CoSign (see *Secure Operation* on page 8). The following sections describe in detail all operations that can be performed by the Crypto Officer.

The Crypto Officer creates users according to the organization's policy. For each user, a User-ID and a Password is provided. This operation is relevant only when CoSign is installed in Directory Independent environment. In Active Directory environment, a user is created in CoSign when the Crypto Officer creates the user in Active Directory and defines the user as a member of the CoSign signers group.

By default, after a user is created, the appliance automatically generates a new RSA key pair and a Certificate for the user.

The Crypto Officer can delete users. When a user is deleted, all the user's keys, certificates, and graphical images are also deleted. This operation is relevant only when CoSign is installed in Directory Independent Environment. In Active Directory Environment users are deleted from CoSign when the Crypto Officer deletes the user in Active Directory or removes the user from the CoSign signers group.

2.5.2 *User*

In the case of Directory Independent environment, the user can change the password. The password length must be greater than six Unicode characters and less than twenty eight Unicode characters.

In the case of Active directory environment, the user's password is managed by the directory.

The user can also direct CoSign to generate additional RSA keys. It is possible to store several graphical signature images in the user account in CoSign. These images are stored in the CoSign database, retrieved by the CoSign Client, and can be incorporated into the signed document in the user's PC.

A user can only use keys that are owned by that user.

2.6 *Secure Operation*

Any operator who wishes to use CoSign services can connect via a secure protocol. The secure networking protocol is a standard TLS (Transport Layer Security) protocol with the following parameters:

- The TLS protocol is based on a Server RSA key. The TLS Server RSA key is pre-generated by ARX. Each individual CoSign includes a different TLS Server RSA key.
- The TLS session is based on Triple-DES-CBC encryption and HMAC-SHA1 packet integrity.
- Upon session creation, the only operation that can be performed is an authentication command. The authentication is based on User ID and Password authentication, which are verified by CoSign or using a Kerberos ticket when CoSign is installed in Active Directory environment.
- Only after the user is authenticated, can the user perform operations such as digitally sign data. Similarly, the Crypto Officer can connect securely to CoSign and perform administrative operations.

2.7 *Additional Security Issues*

The four critical keys are used for:

- 1) Encrypt sensitive data in the database in non-volatile memory and MAC plaintext data in the database.
- 2) MAC individual user's records in the database.
- 3) Encrypt database for backup
- 4) MAC database for backup

The four critical keys of CoSign are stored on a special backup token and in an internal tamper device. These keys are loaded into CoSign's volatile memory during startup from the tamper device and erased from memory when the appliance is shut down.

Any attempt to access the device that triggers the tamper response will cause power to be instantly cut off, preventing access to any useful information by zeroizing all plain text critical security parameters, including the CoSign critical keys. Without these keys, it is not possible to start CoSign or access the appliance's stored data.

The critical keys will also be deleted from the internal tamper device. Upon next startup of the device a tamper detected message will be displayed in the console.

Also, if there is an attempt to access the device when the power is off, the tamper response circuit is still active. If the tamper circuit is activated the critical keys will be deleted from the internal tamper device and the tamper detected message will appear in the console upon next startup.

Module zeroization can be done by performing the *Factory Restore* operation from the console. This operation will zeroize all plain text critical security parameters, including the CoSign

critical keys. Also all users' information as well as the users' keys will be deleted from the CoSign database.

The units are encased in a solid metal case rigged with micro-switches and only the specified physical interfaces permit access to the appliance. The boundary of the module is the metal case.

The appliance meets FCC requirements in 47 CFR Part 15 for personal computers and peripherals designated for home use (ClassB), and is labeled according to FCC requirements.

The cryptographic boundary is the metal case of the CoSign, it does not include the lockable door on the front panel or the air filter holder that attaches to the front panel. The door on the front panel can be closed to cover: the LCD display, 4 button keypad, USB port, and the status LEDs.

2.8 Well-Defined Interfaces

The appliance is a steel, rack mountable box, in which only the interfaces provide access to the appliance. The physical interfaces include the power connector, network connection (Ethernet Interface using TCP/IP), one key slot, power switches, LEDs, an LCD display, key pad with four buttons, and one USB slot for a smartcard-based USB token. All ports use standard PC pin outs.

Table 1 shows the mapping of the FIPS 140-2 logical interfaces to the appliance's physical interfaces.

Table 1 – Interfaces

FIPS 140-2 Logical Interfaces	CoSign Physical Interfaces
Data Input Interface	Network port, USB slot for smartcard-based token ¹
Data Output Interface	Network port, USB slot for smartcard-based token ²
Control Input Interface	Network port, keypads port
Status Output Interface	Network port, LEDs, display
Power Interface	AC power connector

¹ Used only in the case of restoration or a reset tamper event.

² Used only during installation.

All requests for cryptographic services are performed through the CoSign API. This API, written in C/C++ and based on RPC (Remote Procedure Calls), provides a high-level interface to the cryptographic services provided by the appliance that include RSA key generation and digital signature operations.

The LCD displays the following status information: IP address, version information, and serial number.

The Front of the module has the following LED's:

- Power LED
- Hard Disk LED
- Tamper LED

2.9 Roles and Services

CoSign employs password-based, identity-based authentication of users and operators secured by the TLS protocol. Multiple users and operators can connect and use CoSign simultaneously. Each user has a user record that contains the user name, common name, email address, and administrative authorization mask. The administrative authorization mask controls whether the user can perform appliance management tasks or user management tasks. There are two roles that can be assigned to an operator, User and Supervisor (Crypto Officer).

In Active Directory, it is possible to authenticate users and Crypto Officers based on SSPI (Security Support Provider Interface), which is a Kerberos based ticketing mechanism. The user is authenticated to the domain and provided with a ticket from the domain. The ticket is sent from the CoSign client to the CoSign appliance during user authentication. The CoSign appliance authenticates the user based on the given ticket.

2.9.1 Supervisor (Crypto Officer) Role

The Supervisor role is assigned to the Crypto Officer and is used for user and appliance management, appliance installation/restoration, and the appliance's configuration. The Crypto Officer possesses the backup tokens necessary for reset tampering and restoring from backup. The Crypto Officer can log into CoSign remotely using the standard CoSign authentication protocol.

The Crypto Officer can perform the following tasks. These tasks represent special services of the CoSign appliance:

- Create users – DI Environment
- Update user information – DI Environment
- Retrieve user information
- Revoke Users – DI Environment
- Set user password – DI Environment
- Perform shutdown

- Load Firmware
- Perform backup of all data in the appliance
- Retrieve log file
- Update system parameters
- Zeroize Module
- Asymmetric cryptography
- Authentication
- Graphical image Import/export
- Delete Keys
- Change user password – DI Environment
- Show FIPS mode Status

Locally, the Crypto Officer has the ability to access certain management operations of the appliance, including resetting a tamper condition, which is performed using the backup USB token.

2.9.2 User/Application Role

The User/Application role is used for accessing the cryptographic services provided by the appliance. A user logs into the appliance remotely using a user ID and a password or based on Active Directory ticket (SSPI). The session is protected using the TLS protocol. A user is not permitted to perform any user or appliance management operations.

A user can access the following services:

- Asymmetric cryptography
- Authentication
- Graphical image Import/export
- Delete Keys
- Change user password – DI Environment
- Show FIPS mode Status

The Crypto Officer and User role can use the Asymmetric cryptography service to generate an RSA key pair, Generate a digital signature, Import a RSA private key, retrieve a public key and certificate, and upload a user certificate.

An operator assigned a User/Application role must first authenticate to the appliance using the user ID and password or based on Active Directory ticket (SSPI). After successful authentication, an authenticated and encrypted session is created. During this session, the

operator may only perform cryptographic services on RSA keys that belong to the operator. Also, the user can change his/her password. The password length must be greater than or equal six Unicode characters.

In Directory Independent environment the module enforces a minimum password length of six characters. Each character may be numeric (0-9) or alphanumeric (a-z, A-Z) or even Unicode. Just considering the alphanumeric set of characters there are 62 possible characters and the password is at minimum 6 characters long.

Therefore, the probability of a random attempt to succeed is:

One in (62^6) or 1 in 56,800,235,584. This is less than 1 in 1,000,000.

It takes the module approximately 1msec to process a login attempt, for a maximum of 1,000 login attempts in 1 second and 60,000 login attempts in 1 minute. This allows a maximum of:

Therefore, the probability of a random attempt to succeed during a minute is:

One in $((62^6) / 60,000)$ or 1 in $(56,800,235,584 / 60,000)$ or 1 in 946,670. This is less than 1 in 100,000.

An operator who has access to the role of Crypto Officer must first authenticate to the appliance using the user ID and password of the Crypto Officer or based on an Active Directory ticket (SSPI). When using Active Directory authentication, the Crypto Officer must be part of an Active Directory administrative group. During this session, the operator may perform user management and appliance management services.

In the case of Active Directory environment, the user and Crypto-Officer authenticate by presenting a ticket over a TLS channel. The Kerberos ticket is encrypted and contains a domain session key with length of at least 56 bits.

Therefore, the probability of random attempt to succeed is:

One in (2^{56}) or 1/72,000,000,000,000. This is less than 1 in 1,000,000.

It takes the module 1msec to process a login attempt. A maximum of 1,000 login attempts may be processed in 1 second and 60,000 login attempts in 1 minute. This allows a maximum of: $(2^{56}) / 60,000 \sim 1,200,000,000,000$ attempts per minute.

Therefore, the probability of a random attempt to succeed during a minute is:

One in $(1,200,000,000,000)$, this is less than 1 in 100,000.

CoSign can be configured to use additional authentication for every digital signature operation. The additional authentication is defined as the following:

- Username and Password authentication using a Radius Server.
The user will provide his/her password. Both user ID and password will be authenticated by a Radius server using the Radius protocol.

The Radius authentication is based on 32 bytes of authentication data sent from the CoSign appliance to the Radius Server. 16 bytes are randomly generated by the CoSign appliance.

Therefore the probability of random attempt to succeed is:

One in (2^{128}) , this is less than 1 in 1,000,000.

It takes the module 1msec to process a signature request and 60,000 signature requests in 1 minute.

Therefore, the probability of a random attempt to succeed during a minute is:

One in $(2^{128}/60000)$, this is less than 1 in 100,000.

Since the Radius authentication is done in addition to the authentication methods above both method (Active Directory and Directory Independent) probabilities are increased.

Table 2 lists which roles have access to each service.

Table 2 – Role Access to Services

Services	Role
Create users – DI Environment	CO
Update user information	CO
Retrieve user information	CO
Revoke users – DI Environment	CO
Set user password – DI Environment	CO
Perform shutdown	CO
Load Firmware	CO
Perform backup	CO
Retrieve log file	CO
Update system parameters	CO
Asymmetric cryptography	CO/User
Authentication	CO/User
Graphical image Import/export	CO/User

Delete Keys	CO/User
Change user password – DI Environment	CO/User
Zeroize Module	CO
Show FIPS mode Status	CO/User/No Role
Setting network parameters	No Role
Time adjustments	No Role
Shutdown	No Role

2.10 Strong Cryptographic Algorithms and Secure Key Management

CoSign supports and uses a variety of strong cryptographic algorithms. CoSign implements these algorithms based on the following FIPS 140-2-approved algorithms:

Table 3 – Implemented Algorithms

Type of Algorithm	Algorithm Name
Session data encryption	Triple-DES (ANSI X9.52) in CBC mode – 192 bits – Cert. #523
Session packet integrity	HMAC-SHA1 – Cert #241 (SHS Cert. #586)
Database integrity	Triple-DES-MAC – 192 bits
Database encryption	Triple-DES (ANSI X9.52) in CBC mode – 192 bits – Cert. #498
Authentication and secure session scheme	TLS-based session scheme: RSA, Triple-DES CBC, HMAC-SHA1, MD5 User ID/Password authentication scheme, based on SHA1 – Cert. #554
Digital signature generation	RSA – Cert. #227
Random Number generation	FIPS 186-2 General Purpose – Cert. #265

The module implements the following FIPS approved algorithms:

Triple-DES (Certs. #498 and #523)

Triple-DES MAC (Triple-DES Cert. #498, vendor affirmed)

SHS (Certs. #554 and #586)

HMAC (Cert. #241)

RNG (Cert. #265)

RSA (Cert. #227)

The module implements the following Non-FIPS approved algorithms:

RSA (key wrapping; key establishment methodology provides 80 bits of encryption strength)

MD5 (used in TLS)

CoSign stores private keys in a key database. This database is stored encrypted (with Triple-DES CBC) on CoSign's internal hard drive. Within the key database, each key is attached to a specific user.

Keys can be defined in advance as non-extractable or extractable. Keys that are defined as non-extractable cannot be read outside of the CoSign appliance. Keys that are defined as extractable will be encrypted using the TLS protocol when extracted from the CoSign appliance.

User's public keys, certificates, and graphical images of the user's signature are stored in the CoSign database and can be retrieved during a user's session. The user can retrieve only his/her objects.

Table 4 provides a list of keys, their key types, and access control.

Table 4 – Keys, Key Types, and Access

Cryptographic Keys and CSPs	Key Type	Crypto Officer Access (R/W/X*)	User Access (R/W/X¹)
CoSign Critical Key 1 – Key and values encryption in database	TDES 192 bit key, FIPS 46-2	X	
CoSign Critical Key 2 – MAC of users database records	TDES 192 bit key, FIPS 46-2	X	
CoSign Critical Key 3 – CoSign Backup encryption	TDES 192 bit key, FIPS 46-2	X	
CoSign Critical Key 4 – MAC of CoSign Backup	TDES 192 bit key, FIPS 46-2	X	
CoSign TLS RSA public/private key pair	RSA 1024 bit key	X	
CoSign Internal CA RSA key	1024,2048,4096 – defined in installation	X	
ARX RSA public key – firmware validation – hard coded	RSA 1024 bit key	X	

Cryptographic Keys and CSPs	Key Type	Crypto Officer Access (R/W/X*)	User Access (R/W/X¹)
ARX RSA public key – DLM (downloadable module) validation – hard coded	RSA 1024 bit key	X	
Session encryption/decryption keys	TDES 192 bit keys, FIPS 46-2	X	X
Session MAC keys	TDES 192 bit key, FIPS 46-2	X	X
User Public key certificates	RSA 1024, 2048 and 4096 bit public keys stored in certificates	X, R	R, W, X
User signature keys	RSA 1024 - 4096 bit	W	W, X
Xkey	FIPS 186-2 RNG Input	X	X

¹ Execute a command on the key without the ability to Read or Write.

Self Testing

CoSign monitors firmware operations using a set of self-tests to ensure proper operation according to the FIPS 140-2 standard. The appliance includes both the power-up self tests and conditional tests. These tests are described in the following sections.

2.10.1 Power-Up Self Tests

- Critical Function Test - Low Level Hardware Check
- Firmware Integrity Test (RSA signature verification)
- Triple-DES KAT (for CoSign-Internal Triple-DES implementation)
- Triple-DES KAT (for CoSign-CKIT Triple-DES implementation)
- Triple-DES MAC KAT (for Triple-DES MAC using underlying CoSign-Internal Triple-DES implementation)
- SHA-1 KAT (for CoSign-Internal SHA-1 implementation)
- SHA-1 KAT (for CoSign-CKIT SHA-1 implementation)
- MD5 KAT
- HMAC SHA-1 KAT
- RSA encrypt/decrypt pairwise consistency test
- RSA sign/verify pairwise consistency test
- RNG KAT
- Critical Function Test - Database Access

2.10.2 Conditional Tests

- Continuous RNG test (for FIPS 186-2 RNG)
- Continuous RNG test (for hardware non-deterministic RNG)
- Firmware Load Test¹
- RSA Key Generation pairwise consistency test

¹ After loading firmware into this module will no longer be a FIPS 140-2 validated module.

Only if the new firmware is an upgrade to a FIPS 140-2 validated firmware version.

2.11 Mitigation of Other Attacks

CoSign does not include any mechanisms for the prevention of special attacks.

2.12 Maintenance

The Crypto Officer must check the appliance's case for any evidence of physical tampering. Special protective screw cover "cans" are attached over two screws on the back of the appliance. These "cans" would be damaged if the appliance's case has been opened. Verify that the "cans" are attached to the appliance and that they are not damaged.

If you think the appliance has been tampered with, contact ARX.

3 FIPS 140-2 Level 3 Compliant Mode

Cryptographic services should only use FIPS 140-2 approved algorithms. A list of these algorithms can be found in Section 2.10, *Strong Cryptographic Algorithms and Secure Key Management*.

Only one user can be assigned the role of Crypto Officer. Only the Crypto Officer may possess the backup USB tokens necessary to restore the appliance or reset the tamper operation.

Directory Independent and Active Directory environments are FIPS 140-2 level 3 validated. CoSign also supports LDAP or Novell NDS environments, however, these were not included in the scope of this FIPS 140-2 level 3 validation process.

CoSign supports high-availability configuration in which an alternate appliance backs up the primary appliance. Note that this configuration was not included in the scope of this FIPS 140-2 level 3 validation process.

When CoSign generates certificates using its internal built-in CA and when certificates are issued by an external CA using the regular client interface (e.g., through CAPI or PKCS#11 client APIs) these modes are FIPS 140-2 level 3 validated. CoSign supports another certificate issuing mode, in which certificates are automatically requested from a list of dedicated *World-Wide Verifiable CAs*. This automatic mode was not included in the scope of this FIPS 140-2 level 3 validation process.

CoSign is offered in a special hardware configuration form-factor called "*CoSign SSCD*". The *CoSign SSCD* model is based on an internal hardware device that contains a series of smartcards, which securely hold the users' keys on the smartcards and the digital signature operation is performed in the ultra secure environment of the smartcard chip. The *CoSign SSCD* model was not included in the scope of this FIPS 140-2 level 3 validation process.

CoSign can be interfaced through a Web Services protocol. The Web Services interface was not included in the scope of this FIPS 140-2 level 3 validation process.

To make sure the CoSign is running in FIPS Mode, activate the CoSign Configuration Utility from the CoSign Control Panel, which is part of the CoSign client. Activate the Help\Create Report option and look for the Server\FIPS MODE parameter. When in FIPS 140-2 level 3 mode, this parameter is set to TRUE.